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RAJYA SABHA

(Rs. in lakh)

Head	Allocation	Release	Remarks
ARWSP(Normal)	16601.00	8300.00	First instalment released
ARWSP Additional	768.00	384.00	First instalment released
School coverage Assistance	-	1732.00	As per State's demand
Submission Projects	-	3590.39	
Swajaldhara	755.00	-	No proposal received from State Government
TOTAL	18124.00	14006.89	

The State Government is yet to submit its proposal for release of second instalment.

Funds to Gujarat under National Rural Development Scheme

†1623. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount spent, till date, under the National Rural Development Scheme;
- (b) the amount allocated to Gujarat under the said Scheme and whether the Ministry is satisfied with this; and
- (c) whether data is available with Government regarding the number of minorities benefited out of this, in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development does not implement any scheme by the name National Rural Development Scheme. The Ministry, however, implements a number of Schemes for rural development. Some of these Schemes are demand driven and some are allocation based. Important allocation-based Programmes are Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana and Indira Awaas Yojana. Allocation under the Programmes is done in accordance with their norms and guidelines. The Central allocation to Gujarat under these Programmes for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 are Rs.26,283.43 lakhs and Rs.23,679.03 lakhs

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respectively. Separate data for minorities benefited under the Programmes is not maintained.

Allocation for rural employment under RSRGY

†1624. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the amount allocated to each State, out of the amount of Rs. 11,300/- crore, under the Rashtriya Grameen Rozgar Guarantee Yojana for the year 2006-2007;
- (b) whether State Governments have started spending the said amount;
- (c) if so, whether the said spending corresponds to the time-schedule fixed in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the information reported by different States with regard to providing employment, after identifying the poorest among poor in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) NREGA is demand-driven Programme. The Act guarantees at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult member volunteer to do unskilled manual work. No allocations of funds are, therefore, made under the Act. Funds are released directly to the districts for implementation of the Act. Districts are entitled to get next instalment of funds after submitting a proposal to this Ministry alongwith utilization certificates showing at least 60% utilization of funds released earlier. State-wise details of funds released under NREGA for the year 2006-2007 is at enclosed Statement-I (See below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Since NREGA is a demand-driven programme, no time schedule has been fixed under the Act regarding expenditure of funds.

(d) NREGA is open to all rural households without any discrimination. State-wise details of employment demanded and employment provided are at enclosed Statement-II.

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